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DETAILED INTERROGATION REPORT ON SS
STURMFUHRER HUEGEL Dr Klaus and SS
UNTERSTURMFUHRER SEGNA Dr Walter.

This report, which is in
response to a memorandum from
SCI/Unit Z/FLORENCE, contains
information on Countess
Novella di SAVORGNAI, nee
CECHET, alias PETROVIC.

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1. SOURCES.

A. HUEGEL

(a) Personal Details

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Name	HUEGEL (Dr) Klaus
Alias	Nöhe (not)
Rank	(SS) Sturmbahnfuehrer
Unit	Abt VI B.d.S. ITALIEN
Id No.	Not known
F.P. No.	13563
SS No.	111815
Party No.	3,407,445
Home Address	BRUGGENZ, Schloss Wolfurt, Austria
Secret No.	M.45/546
Interrogated	CSDIC, CNF 30 May 45.

D.B.Austria
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cit Austria

(b) History and Career to incl G.I.S activities also
cf CSDIC/CNF/SD 2 and 3, para 1 b

re Counter Novelle di Longognani
an alleged G.I.S agent or

CSDIC/CNF/SD 2 para 1 c

(c) Assessment

Reliability : Good

(Interrogated by H.H.)

History and Career,

B. SEGNA

(a) Personal Details

Name	SEGNA Dr Walter
Alias	None (not st)
Rank	(SS) Untersturmfuehrer
Unit	B.d.S. ITALIEN (L.O. to Fascist Party)
Id. No.	SS Ausb. Alt KONITZ 11991
F.P. No.	13563
S.S. No.	None
Party No.	None
Home address	COLLALBO RENON, BOLZANO, Italy
Captured	28 Apr 45, MILAN
Secret No.	M.45/605
Interrogated	CSDIC, CNF, 30 May 45.

cit Germany (naturalized)

P.O.B

Source was born on 10 Nov 08 at MEZZO LOMBARDO (South TYROL). After secondary education up to the age of 17 at STEINACH and BOLZANO he studied law for four years at PADOA and TURIN universities. From Nov 31 to May 32 he did military training as an officer cadet at MONCALIERI (nr TURIN), and from Feb 33 to Sep 33 served as 2/Lt with 91 Inf Regt in TURIN.

From end 1933 to 1938 he practised as a solicitor at BOLZANO and in 1938 - 39 at SILMIEDRO (SCHIENDERS). In Oct 39 he opted for German nationality and was employed in 1940 as a civilian with the A.D.E.R.S.T. (S. TYROL Resettlement Bureau). This placed him in a reserved occupation.

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In Mar 42 Source was ordered to report to 102/103 Wilhelmstrasse, BERLIN, and was enrolled in Abt III of the SD, after a fortnight in BERLIN he was posted to The Hague.

In HOLLAND Source served under HERSTER, B.d.S. HOLLAND, chiefly in Referat IIIA (Legal affairs). On 3 Sep 43 HERSTER received orders to proceed to ITALY and PW accompanied him as adjutant and interpreter. In ITALY he organized the CUBLANCA training school for Italian recruits who were to be used as SD guards.

Up to Feb 43 Source was a civilian, but on that date he was given the rank of SS Untersturmführer.

From 1 Jan 45 until his capture Source was L.O. to the Fascist Party in ITALY. gave reliable info re Countess Novelli di Savorgnani

(c) Assessment an alleged G.I.S agent and in End 1 gave

PW is a South Tyrolean who has been cured by events of his leanings towards the Reich. He is intelligent and observant and gave information willingly.

Reliability : Good

(cf : CSDIC/SC/15.G/SD 1)

info on Fascist groups & G.I.S agents in Northern Italy

(Interrogated by H.H.)

2. COUNTESS NOVELLI DI SAVORGNAI

(a) Contact

S. SAVORGNAI is believed by Sources to be of Italian birth but Slovone race. She was an illegitimate child and was brought up by her half-brother, who was much older than herself, as his "daughter". She married the Count di SAVORGNAI when seventeen years old, but the marriage was an unhappy one. Her half-brother and her only child were killed in an allied air attack on TRIESTE in about Apr 44.

(b) Contact with G.I.S.

Neither Source knew in what circumstances S. SAVORGNAI had first contacted the G.I.S. Her name was first mentioned to HUEGEL as a possible agent for an "ID." mission by Sturmbannführer WOLF, the special RSHA representative sent to ITALY to organise post-occupational networks (cf CSDIC/C.F/SD 3 para 2), but Sources did not know how WOLF had met her.

(c) Visit to VERONA in Jan 45.

(Ref CSDIC/SC/15.G/SD 1 para 34)

HUEGEL stated that S. SAVORGNAI undertook this visit on her own initiative. She presented herself at HUEGEL's private rooms one evening, introduced herself, and offered her services to the G.I.S., stating that she did not believe that she was sufficiently trusted by the SD at TRIESTE. On the following day HUEGEL referred her to SEGNI, and when the latter left shortly afterwards for CERNOBBIO HUEGEL suggested that he should take her with him. SEGNI states that he subsequently kept her at CERNOBBIO less because he had any intention of employing her as an agent than because he was attracted by her and she had become his mistress.

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(d) Other connnections

(Information provided by SEGNA)

SEGNA believed, from conversations held with SAVORGNAI, that her true allegiance was to the Jugoslav Royalist cause, and that she was working directly for DJUJIC (spelt GIJIUC in CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1), leader of the Serb CHETNIKS in Northern JUGOSLAVIA.

As far as SAVORGNAI's contact with the S.I.C. through the persons of SAURO and COLUSSI (cf CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 para 38) was concerned, SEGNA stated that she told him that she had received from SAURO the task of keeping a watch on Gauleiter RAINTER's Slovenc policy, and that to carry out this task she cultivated the friendship of Dr JOHANNES, Abteilungsleiter on RAINTER's staff at TRIESTE.

SEGNA believed that SAVORGNAI's connection with the Communists in the "Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale" at TRIEST (cf CSDIC/SC/15 AG/SD 1 para 35) was formed by her for the purpose of supplying DJUJIC with information. He stated however that she regarded VITOLOVIC as an idealist and an honourable man, and that he had once shielded her against an allegation made by the communists that she was working for the Germans or Fascists. Her only other communist contact known to SEGNA (by name only) was a Sorb or Slovenc girl with the cover name of SOKOLIZA.

SEGNA could add no further information concerning SAVORGNAI's relations with FUMAI (cf CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 paras 36-37), but stated that in this case too she was seeking information on behalf of DJUJIC.

(e) The attempt to contact the Allies through DJUJIC

cf CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 para 45
overleaf

At the end of Mar/45 SEGNA suggested to the B.d.S., SS Gruppenfuehrer Dr HARSTER, that SAVORGNAI might be used to establish contact with the Allies through DJUJIC. SAVORGNAI was therefore sent to TRIESTE, whence she returned with the information contained in the a/n para. DJUJIC believed that an Allied landing in the TRIESTE area was imminent, and the patriarch GAVRILO's projected mission to contact Jugoslav Royalist circles in ENGLAND was connected with this belief. DJUJIC had also told SAVORGNAI that she was at liberty to contact Allied agents should the opportunity occur. It was at about this time that he gave her the identity card in the name of PETROVIC. SEGNA wished to send SAVORGNAI back to TRIESTE to learn of the result of GAVRILO's mission, but the collapse in Northern ITALY came before he was able to do this. He received no more information on GAVRILO's mission.

(f) Dr MAURO

SEGNA could add little to the information contained in CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 para 44. He stated that to the best of his knowledge MAURO was not working for any Intelligence Service, neither was his visit to CERNOBBIO occasioned by political motives.

(g) Summing-up.

(i) SAVORGNAI's allegiance

HUEGEL know no more of SAVORGNAI than is stated in paras 2h and o above. After referring her to SEGNA he had no further connnections with her.

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SEGN_A stated that she was of Yugoslav Royalist sympathics; that she worked directly for DJUJIC; that his own connection with her was mainly one of intimacy; that she carried out no work for the G.I.S., and that in his opinion her reason for getting into touch with it was purely to obtain information for DJUJIC; and that he believed that her connections with other Secret Services (see para 2d above) were formed for the same reason.

(ii) Contacts

HUEGEL knew of no contacts.
Those known to SEGN_A were :

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info -

G.I.S.

✓ SS Sturmbannfuehrer WOLF

✓ Dr JOHANNES

CHEATNIKS

DJUJIC

Communists at TRIESTE

✓ VITOLOVIC

"SOKOLIZA"

S.I.C.

✓ SAURO

✓ COLUSSI

: Son of the irridentist "martyr" of TRIESTE
executed by the Austrians.

Prince BORGHESE

✓ FUMAI

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